

SENATE No. 623

By Mr. Shannon, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 623) of Charles E. Shannon for legislation to study the impact of programs on individuals who turn age twenty-two. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT TO STUDY TURNING 22.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a commission to study Chapter 688
2 of the Acts of 1983, known as the turning twenty-two law.

3 Said commission shall conduct an investigation and study
4 relative to the impact of Ch. 688 and the Bureau of Transitional
5 Planning. Such investigation and study shall: Look at the current
6 structure that transfers students who are considered eligible for
7 Ch. 688 services into the Executive Office of Health and Human
8 Services agencies, addresses the current formula for funding stu-
9 dents transitioning from Ch. 766 to Ch. 688 particularly those in
10 residential schools, addresses the existing waiting list of individ-
11 uals currently on the waiting list for services. Said commission
12 shall look at the existing Bureau of Transitional Planning to track
13 the number of referrals coming from local education authorities
14 into the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

15 Said commission shall further study the cost trends to indi-
16 vidual agencies in state government including the Departments of
17 Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Massachusetts Rehabilitation
18 Commission, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind,
19 Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
20 Each agency should identify its cost formula and its waiting list.

